

**REMARKS**

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-41 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended and new claim 41 has been added. Claim 1 has been amended to better comply with U.S. practice by removing the optional step (ii) and incorporating this step in new dependent claim 41. Support is found *inter alia* in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to correct obvious errors in the English translation of the international application PCT/EP2004/000100. No new matter has been added and the amendments do not exceed the scope of the international application as filed.

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13311-00010-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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